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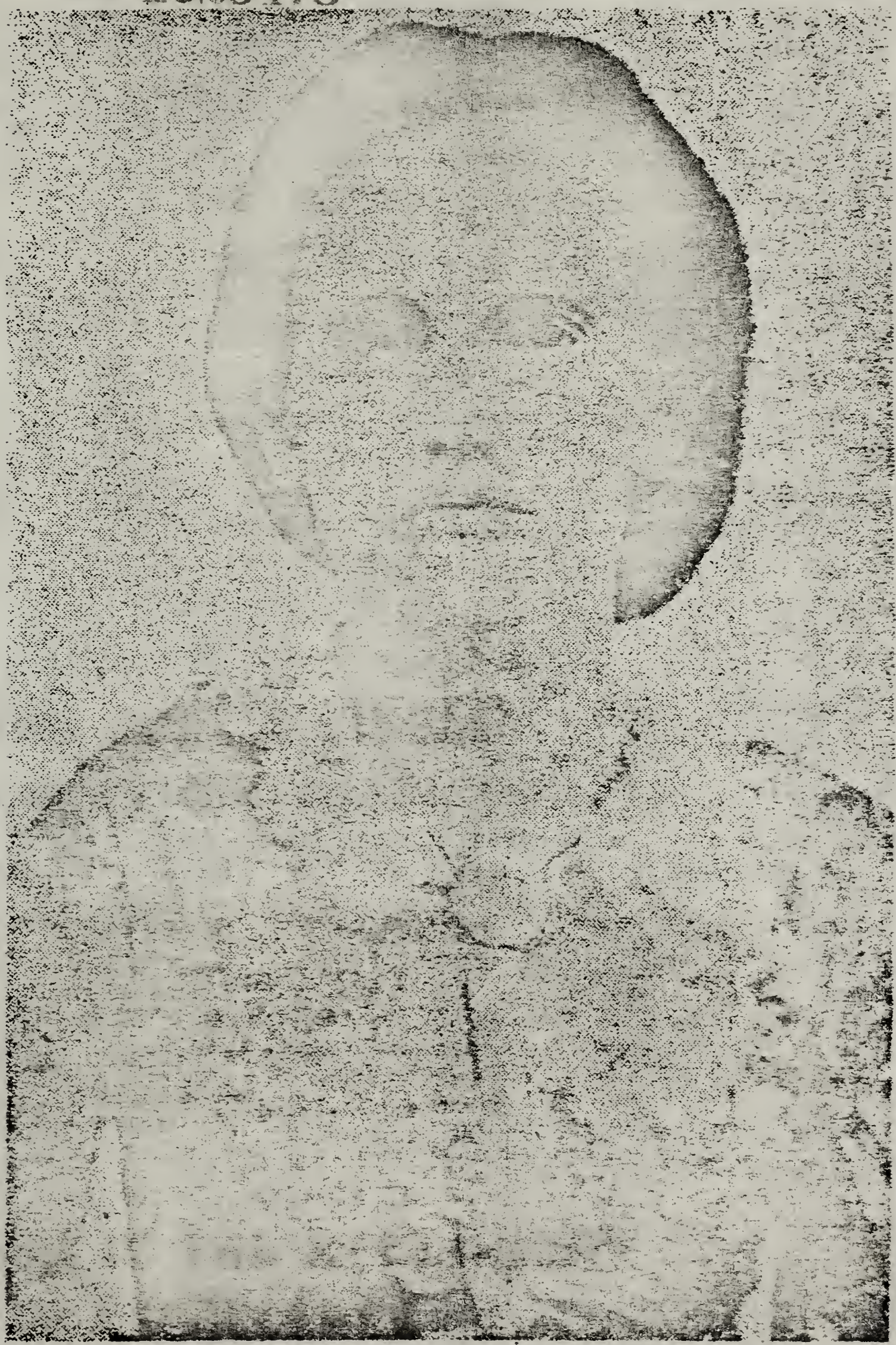

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FOREWORD

My task, one of love, has been to collect information about my line of Dismukes ancestry, and to co-ordinate the information received from correspondents, original records and official documents.

The seventh generation, like the six preceding ones, being entirely extinct, therefore, the lives of no living individuals have been included.

Every care has been taken to verify the dates.

For information contributed to this booklet, my grateful thanks are due Mrs. Walker Parish, Richland, Ga.; Mrs. T. C. Betterton, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mr. Laurence B. Gardiner, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Frank Hean, Harrisburg, Pa.; descendants of William Dismukes, the immigrant ancestor, and Mrs. Julian S. Moore, Gainesville, Fla., not a lineal descendant, but married into the family.

Mattie Harper La Fleur

Lafayette, Louisiana
February 1960

THE DISMUKES AND THEIR NAME

The Dismukes were descended from France's Noble House of Des Meux. The name is of French origin and is derived from Des Meux, which means of the House of Meux. In old records the name is found in various forms; sometimes written Meux or Meaux and was Americanized into Dismukes.

William and James are the Christian names most highly favored by the family for its male members.

Regarding the name of the earliest ancestor of the family, he was a Huguenot and came from France to England prior to 1700, and spelled his name Des Meux.

The Dismukes descendants are among the million Americans who are proud of their Huguenot ancestry.

The roll of heroism and distinction contains names of many Huguenot descendants. Appollo Rivoire, father of Paul Revere was a Huguenot. Respecting romance in New England, John Alden married Priscilla Mullins, who was of a Huguenot family. The names of Henry Laurence of South Carolina and John Jay of New York are among the signers of the first treaty by which our independence as a nation was acknowledged by Great Britain. So we point with pride to these and other Huguenots who were outstanding in the annals of our country.

THE DISMUKES IN VIRGINIA

William and John Meux migrated from England to Virginia. There were other Meuxs in Virginia, and all claimed relationship. A son of one of the immigrants built a stone house fifty miles from Richmond, Va., in a stone of which is carved the name Demeaux; later, the house became the property of the Meridiths.

One of the oldest records of the family is 1704 Quit Rent Roll which is from a Tithe List found in England. It shows that William Dismukes settled in King and Queen Co., Va. on 200 acres of land.

Caroline County was cut from King and Queen and other counties in 1728.

In the list of Freeholders in St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register, 1684-1786, the following names appear:

Richard Meaux, John Meaux and William Meaux

Other entries noted: "At a Vestry held at ye Gleeb House for St. Peters Church, December, ye 7th, 1714 to Mr. Meux for 2 gall. wine. Tobacco 200." "At a vestry held for St. Peters Parish at St. Peters Church, September, ye 29th, 1721." "To Mr. Meux for keeping a child from ye parish. Tobacco, 500."

The churches in Colonial times were important in local governmental affairs. The Parish was a well defined geographical area created by the General Assembly. The Vestry was a group of 12 of the "best Gentlemen of the Country" and had charge of both civil and ecclestiastical affairs. Sometimes as many as from three to five generations of the same family served on the same vestry.

In Colonial times, tobacco was used as money by the colonists, as it was the chief crop of the planters.

Unless one is familiar with the dates of the formation of the counties of Virginia and of the exact locality of the home, it is difficult to state with accuracy , the county in which was located the home of a person 200 years ago.

Records reveal that there was intermarriage between the Thornton and Meux families of Virginia. William Thornton (1649-1722) married in 1685 his second wife, Johanna Meux, who died in 1710. In the Thornton family history, there is evidence that William Meux, born 1672, married a daughter of Frances Thornton.

According to St. Peters Parish Register, John Meux of New Kent County died 19 March 1727; his wife Elizabeth died 7 Aug. 1713. They had issue: (1) John b. 5 June 1707, drowned 26 June 1715. (2) Ann, b. 15 April 1709. (3) Richard, baptized 31 March 1711. Richard Meux, son of John, married 1st Frances..... who died 15 April 1734. 2ndly Elizabeth Lightfoot. By the latter marriage he had (1) Ann, b. 3 March 1736; (2) Thomas, b. 17 Oct. 1737.

THE SECOND GENERATION

William Dismukes, properly Des Meux, son of William Dismukes, the immigrant, settled in Caroline Co., Va. Although he was in Essex Co. temporarily before settling. He and his brother, James, signed their names Dismukes. James died in 1770. His will was proved in Caroline County October Court 1770 by his wife Ruth Dismukes, admin. cum testamato annexo, who provided bond as provided by law. William Dismukes died late in the year 1769 in Caroline Co., Va. His estate was appraised 8 Feb. 1770 by William Buckner, Peter Thompson, Frances Coleman and John Pickett. Administrators of the estate were his wife Mary and sons, John and James. Under legislative petitions for King and Queen Co., Va. 15 Dec. 1779, asking for a new parish, among those signing was Mary Dismukes [up near Caroline Co. line], Drysdale Parish, partly in Caroline County.

Mary, widow of William Dismukes, died in 1794 in Halifax Co., Va. at the home of her son, Elisha, who was appointed administrator of her estate. [Order Book, 1795 Halifax Co. P. 661]

Children of William and Mary Dismukes:

Elisha Dismukes, See Sketch
James Dismukes
John Dismukes
Evenard Dismukes
William Dismukes m. Mary Crawford
Anna Dismukes m. Richard Wilson

Probably there were others, but the names are not known.

Richard Wilson raised a company in Caroline Co., Va. for service in the War of the Revolution when seventeen years of age. He died about 1836 and is buried in Amherst Co., Va.

THE THIRD GENERATION

Elisha Dismukes was born 1730 in Caroline Co., Va. He was twice married.

Tradition in the family has been that in 1756 he married Mary Hull of Caroline Co., Va. Some genealogists in the family claim that Elisha's first wife was Mary Herndon, (1731-1760), daughter of William and Sarah (Poe) Herndon. It is likely Mary Herndon married first ..... Hull; secondly, Elisha Dismukes.

Children of Elisha and Mary Dismukes:

George Dismukes - See Sketch
William Dismukes was b. 1758 in Caroline Co., Va. and d. 1822 in Hancock Co., Ga. He m. Martha Davis, b. 1763, in N. C., was living in Putnam Co., Ga. 1850.

On 7 Jan. 1802, Hancock Co., Ga., William Desmeux [note spelling] was drawn to serve as a juror.

Elisha Dismukes married 2ndly in 1761 Ann Thompson. [Named in the National Society of the Sons of the

American Revolution papers.] Her father was John Thompson, who was commissioned a Lieutenant of Militia, on Dec. 11, 1777, Caroline Co., Va. By 1781, Elisha Dismukes and wife Ann had removed to Spottsylvania Co., Va. The 1772-1794 records of that county state that Elisha Dismukes bought 100 acres in Berkeley Parish in 1772 from James Watkins of same parish and county. [p. 293]

Elisha and wife Ann sold land in 1785 to James Gimbo 60 acres for 60 lbs. currency in Spottsylvania Co., Va. adjoining the plantation of Thomas Dillard, Sr. [p. 388 Spottsylvania Records]

Page 466: Deed Book N 1791-1794. Nov. 14, 1793, Elisha Dismukes of Spottsylvania County to John Shirley of same county. Consideration £50: for tract of 125 acres adj. the lands of Thomas Dillard; Sarah Morris; James Gimbo; Ambrose Shackelford; John Shirley, Jr.; Benjamin Waller; witnesses; Henry Dodd; John Craivard; Garland Hill; and Littleton Farris. Recorded 1st April 1794.

Page 467 Deed Book N 1791-1794 Nov. 4, 1793 Elisha Dismukes and wife Ann of Spottsylvania County deed to Sarah Morris of the same county, consideration of £20: current money tract of 50 acres in Spottsylvania County, etc. etc. Witnesses: John Shirley, Jr; James Wigglesworth; Thomas Dillard; John Shirley, Jr. and John Sorrel. Recorded Apl 1st. 1794.

The records disclosed many other transactions relating to the purchase and sale of lands by Elisha and wife Ann.

The Va. Magazine of History and Biography V4, p. 105 lists Elisha Dismukes slave owner of Spottsylvania Co. 1783. He was on the tax list of that county 1783 to 1797. At the same time, other Dismukes on the list were: Reuben, Margaret, Peggy, John, Benjamin, James and William.

During the Revolutionary War, Elisha Dismukes served

his country as a patriot, furnishing material aid to the American forces. Public Service Claims of Spottsylvania Co. Court Booklet, p. 5. A certificate granted by Nicho. Payne, Commissioner to Elisha Dismukes ye 23rd Oct. 1781 for supplies furnished the Continental Army.

Spottsylvania County, Public Service Claims
Court Booklet
p. 1 At a Court held 22 April 1782, when.....
p. 5 Elisha Dismukes was allowed compensation
for property taken .....

Elisha's son, Paul Dismukes, was placed on the pension roll of Tennessee in 1834 for service as a private in the Virginia Militia. Paul Dismukes joined a company in the Virginia troops at the age of sixteen, (1778), was with General Gates command at the battle of Camden, S.C., August 16th, 1780, when he was defeated by Gen. Cornwallis, and remained in the army until the close of the war of the Revolution in 1783. As given in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution papers.

Another son, John Dismukes, is said to have served in the Revolutionary War.

In his old age, Elisha with his wife and mother, moved to Halifax Co., Va., where he died in 1816 and is buried at Chalk Level beside his wife, Ann Thompson.

Children of Elisha and Ann (Thompson) Dismukes:

Paul Dismukes (1762-1838)m. Sarah Richardson
John Dismukes b. 1763 m. Elizabeth Chafin Womack
Elisha Dismukes, Jr. b. 1767 m. Judith Lee
Daniel Dismukes m. Lucinda Town
Susan Dismukes m. William Coates
Nancy Dismukes m. Capt. William Womack
Mary "Polly" Dismukes m. 1st Mr. Boyd; 2ndly Mr. Cook

Mildred Dismukes m. John E. Brown
Richard Dismukes m. Mary Lucas

As executors of his will, Elisha appointed his sons, Elisha and John Dismukes, and a friend, William Echols. Witnesses were Charles Thompson, John Barby and William Rogers. The will was dated 8 Nov. 1816. At a court held for Halifax Court Halifax Co., Va. 24 March 1817, the will was proved and ordered to be recorded [Circuit Court Halifax Co., Va. Book 10, p. 662].

Only his five sons by the second marriage are mentioned in the will. Presumably, the daughters by the second marriage and two sons by the first marriage had already received their part.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

George Dismukes was born 1756 in Caroline Co., Va. He married Sarah Ann Poe of Virginia, sister of Col. Hasten Poe, who served in the Militia of Caroline Co. 1770-1782.

A legislative petition, Spotsylvania Co., Va. Nov. 8, 1777, stated that the Court House in the town of Fredericksburg was so inconveniently located that many of the petitioners had to go more than thirty miles to attend to business, while a more central location would render the distance less than sixteen miles to the most remote inhabitant. The petitioners requested the House of Assembly of Va. to pass an act, empowering them to hold their court at some place near the center of the county. Among the signers of this petition was the name of George Dismukes, No. 169, number of miles stated from Fredericksburg, sixteen. It is evident that George Dismukes settled in Chatham Co., N.C. during the war for American Independence; since a deed from James Herndon to him was acknowledged and ordered to be registered at the Chatham Co. Court Feb. 1778. [From Chatham Co. Court Minutes 1774-1779--File CR 22.003] The gift is thought to have been prompted by the close relationship

of the two families. The 1790 census of Chatham Co. N. C. lists George head of family. He settled near Byrum, four miles from Pittsboro, the County Seat. He owned a large tract of land, and had a double two-storied house, which was unusual in those days; here he reared a large family. In Chatham Co. records of land transactions, there are numerous references to George Dismukes. In 1792, he witnessed with Robert Thompson for George Herndon in the sale Chatham lands to William Lucas. On 13 Jan. 1798, he sold to Herbert Hayes 206 acres of land for 57 lbs. 10 sh'd. On 22 March 1826, he sold lot No. 50 in the town of Pittsborough to William Bowen for 500 dollars. On 16 August 1809, Peter P. Smith sold lot No. 47 in town of Pittsboro to George Dismukes. Consideration 100 dollars. Historical sketches of North Carolina by Col. John H. Wheeler states that George Dismukes served Chatham Co. as Representative in the House of Commons in 1802.

As a Baptist, his influence was felt throughout the state. The following paragraphs are quoted from the History of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, from its Organization in A. D. 1758 to A. D. 1858, by Elder George W. Purefoy, p. 74.

"In 1805, the association convened at Chambers M.H., Montgomery County, N.C. on the 26th day of October. Up to this time this body has transacted its business without a Moderator, which must have subjected them to great inconvenience."

"On motion of Elder John Culpepper, which was seconded by Brother George Dismeekes, [note spelling], the association agreed that in future we have a moderator to expedite business."

Delegates from "Old Fork" Church, [later Rock Springs] William Hackney and George Dismeekes, [note spelling]. The records from 1808 to 1826 showed George Dismukes

[spelling changed], delegate to the convention every year until he died.

Copies of Vouchers for his service as a patriot in the War of the Revolution, issued at Hillsborough Auditors Office are in the State of N.C. Dept. of Archives and History; No. 3026 dated 20 Aug. 1783 by Max Mebane and John Nichols, and No. 4864 dated 1 Oct. 1783. Some of the descendants claim that George acquired the title of "Major" during the War, but no evidence is found of his being a commissioned officer.

On Tuesday, 20 Aug. 1827, the following death notice appeared in the Raleigh Register, a newspaper published in Raleigh, N.C.:

"In Chatham County, on the 12th instant, in the 72nd or 73rd year of his age, Mr. George Dismukes, a man of great respectability."

On 29 April 1842, the Raleigh Register carried this announcement in the death column:

"In Chatham County, a few days after a lingering illness, Mrs. George Dismukes, the aged relict of the late Major George Dismukes."

They are buried on the home place, Pleasant Mount.

From N.C. State Department of Archives and History
Chatham County Will Book B - 1798-1833

p. 34 George Dismukes of Chatham County --

wife-during her natural life or widowhood-
4 negroes Harry, Chloy, Flora & Milly
and as much of the household furniture
& stock as the Executors think necessary - then the land to be equally divided between my two sons George & Charles.

to my son Elisha Dismukes' children - one negro girl Lucinda
daughter Nancy Scurlock has had her part.
son William Dismukes has had his part.
grandson Stanfield Poe has all I intend giving him which the deed of gift will show.
son Alexander Dismukes - negro man Humphrey and one tract of land on Harlands Creek joining Allen Goodwin & others containing 150 acres.
to my Exrs. Stephen Moore & George W. Dismukes negro woman named Mary & her increase for the use of my daughter Rachel Hamblett during her life.
son Geo. W. Dismukes - 2 negroes Ben and Dan'l, bed and furn., one lot in Haywood.
son Charles C.P. Dismukes - one lot in Haywood.
son John W. Dismukes - one lot in Haywood.
dau. Elizabeth Moore - one lot in Haywood.
dau. Sally Haynes - 2 negroes Charlotte & Sall.

Appoint my son in law Stephen Moore & my son Geo. W. Dismukes Executors.

proved Aug. Court 1827 G. Dismukes

His will which was proved Aug. 1827 mentioned all of his children and a grandson.

From N.C. State Department of Arhives and History
Chatham County Deeds [microfilm]

Book A-C, p. 85 8th August 1831
Stephen Moore & his wife Elizabeth
Andrew Haynes & his wife Sarah
Ann Scurlock
Alexander H. Dismukes
Rachel Hamblet &
Charles C. P. Dismukes - all of Chatham, heirs at law of the late George Dismukes to Elisha Dismukes of Madison County, Tenn. --

Consideration 150 dollars. All that tract of land in the county of Gibson and State of Tennessee on the waters of Middle fork of Forked Deer River in the fourth range & first section in the 13th District - containing 228 acres - beginning at a black oak, P. W. Jacksons N.E. corner -to a small poplar and dogwood - to a maple and dogwood on said Jacksons line - - all their right title interest and claim. Proved Chatham County Aug. Court 1831.

Book A-C, p. 122 5th Aug. 1831
William Dismukes of Anson County, N.C.
Elisha Dismukes of the county of Madison, state of Tenn.
Stephen Moore & Elizabeth his wife
Andrew Haynes & Sarah his wife
Ann Scurlock
Rachel Hamblet
Alexander H. Dismukes - heirs at law of the late George Dismukes of Chatham County, N.C. to George W. Dismukes [of Montgomery County, N.C.] & Charles C. P. Dismukes [of Chatham County] --

800 dollars. That tract of land in Chatham on Haw River [the late residence of Geo. Dismukes Dec'd] containing 1120 acres adj. the land of George W. Thompson Hasten Poe Henry Ward Woodson Lee & others -- and all their estate right title interest and claim.
Proved Aug. Court 1831

The youngest son, Charles Pinkney Dismukes had fourteen children. In 1852, he with his wife and children were living at the homeplace - the late residence of George Dismukes. Eight sons from this family were in the Confederate Army at the same time, 1861 to the end of the Civil War.

Alexander H. Dismukes, another son of George Dismukes, was associated with Joseph Gates on a Raleigh newspaper of those times.

Children of George and Sarah Ann (Poe) Dismukes:

William Dismukes, See Sketch
Rachel Dismukes m. William Hamblett, Sept. 30, 1812
The Raleigh Register
Elisha Dismukes m. Frances Petty
George W. Dismukes M. D. m. Mary S. Pegues, May 6, 1828
The Raleigh Register
Alexander Hamilton Dismukes m. Susan Moore Mebane
John Waller Dismukes m. Matilda Bogin
Elizabeth Dismukes m. Stephen Moore, Nov. 22, 1815
Charles Pinkney Dismukes m. Martha "Patsy" Sanders.
Sarah "Sally" Dismukes m. Andrew Haynes
Nancy "Ann" Dismukes m. 1st Abraham Moore; 2ndly
Joseph Scurlock, Feb. 22, 1822
The Raleigh Register
Christian name of daughter who m. Elisha Poe, of Chatham Co., father of Stanfield Poe, is not known.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

William Dismukes was born 1780 in Chatham Co., N.C. In George Dismukes' will it is stated that his son, William, already had his part of the estate. On 27 October 1808, William Dismukes married Elizabeth Pegues who was born 1789. The following is an excerpt from the marriage contract which is a very long document:

From: N.C. State Department of Archives and History
Chatham County Deeds [microfilm]
Book P, p. 263 27th Oct. 1808
William Dismukes of Chatham, of the one part
Elizabeth Pegues, of the District of Chesterfield, S.C. of the 2nd part & Bartholomew Lightfoot of Chatham, guardian of the said Elizabeth, of the third part--

Whereas a marriage is intended to be solemnized shortly between the said William Dismukes and Elizabeth

Pegues -- and whereas the said Elizabeth is seized in fee simple of land in Johnston County, N.C., as well as having a claim of 1/2 of 3000 acres in the State of Tennessee; also possessed of 4 negroes - viz - Eve, Dice, Sally & Lyd, as well as a considerable sum of money as her own property, and upon the treaty for the said intended Marriage it has been agreed that the said lands slaves and money shall be settled to and for the several uses intents and purposes upon the several trusts and subject to the several agreements hereinafter mentioned ---.

Now, in pursuance & performance of the said agreement & in consideration of the intended marriage and for 10 shillings to the said Elizabeth Pegues paid by the said Bartholomew Lightfoot --- the said Elizabeth Pegues by and with the consent of the said William Dismukes her intended husband, doth sell and convey unto the said Bartholomew Lightfoot all that tract of land in the aforesaid county of Johnston containing --- acres, also 1/2 of the said 3000 acres in the state of Tennessee which the said Elizabeth came entitled to by the death of her father --- and all the estate right title interest property and claim of her the said Elizabeth Pegues in and to the said land, also slaves named ----- and after the decease of the said Elizabeth all said property to go to the child or children of the said Elizabeth lawfully begotten --- if daughters their estate to be delivered at 21 or marriage; if sons, at the age of 21 --- reserving lifetime right to Elizabeth.

Test: G. M. Thompson
Proved Feb. Court 1809

Signed: - Wm. Dismukes
Elizabeth Pegues
B Lightfoot

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Book P, p. 371 16 Aug. 1809
Peter P. Smith of Chatham County
to George Dismukes of same county --

Consideration 100 dollars. All that lot of land No. 47

in the town of Pittsborough.

Test: Wm. Dismukes
Proved Aug. Court 1809 by William Dismukes

William's residence was in Chatham Co., N.C. until at least 1811 when he was a justice. In Chatham County Deeds, Book AA, p. 18 23rd July 1818: William Dismukes of Anson County to George Dismukes of Chatham County - 500 dollars. Tract or lot of land in the town of Pittsborough No. 90 adj. the lots of Sarah Taylor, Green Womack & others, being the same formerly occupied by the said William Dismukes -- containing 1/2 acre.

W. Dismukes

Test: A. H. Dismukes
Presley George

Proved by Geo. W. Thompson proving the handwriting of A. H. Dismukes, the subscribing witness, who it is represented to the court is living out of this state, and proving the handwriting of Presley George who is deceased.

Book A6 p. 158 Chatham County Deeds 17 Oct. 1811
William Dismukes of Chatham County to
Lewis Freeman - 4 lots in the town of Pittsborough in Chatham County Nos. 116, 118, 120 and 122
Test: Henry Ward
G. Dismukes W. Dismukes
Proved Nov. Court 1834 by Geo. W. Thompson proving the handwriting of Geo. Dismukes Dec'd.

Between 1811 and 1814, William Dismukes moved to Anson Co., N.C. He was very active both in Chatham and Anson. For a number of years, as late as 1836, he served Anson Co. as Clerk of Court. Book Z, p. 50, Anson County Deeds, 21 Nov. 1833
William Dismukes of Anson Co. to Wm. Willougby and Charles Willoughby -- Land near the town of Wadesboro, beginning at John D. Smith's corner near the Salisbury

Road - Smith's Corner - Myers Corner.

Signed - William Dismukes

Reuben Pickett relinquishes all his right to the above land.

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The history of Masonry in North Carolina shows that William Dismukes was an eminent member of the mystic craft. In 1813, he was a charter member of the Kiliwining Lodge No. 64 A.F.&A.M. Wadesboro.

The following served as officers: T. Godfrey, William Dismukes, James Coleman and Benjamin T. Douglas.

In 1820, William was an organizing member of the Episcopal Church in the same city, and was a conscientious and consistent member of his church. Historical sketches of N.C. by Col. John H. Wheeler, p. 26, tells us that William represented Anson Co. in the House of Commons, 1815 and 1816.

Evidently he was connected with some of the Military bodies of the State as he was usually referred to as "Col. William Dismukes".

Tombstone inscription in Eastview Cemetery, Wadesboro, N.C.: "Elizabeth, wife of Col. William Dismukes, Feb'y 17, 1822. Age 33 yrs."

The 1830 census, Anson Co., N.C. lists the following:

Col. William Dismukes, head of household. 1 male between 10 and 15; 1 male 20-30; 1 male 40-50; 1 female 5 to 10; 1 female 10 to 15

William Dismukes died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. DeJarnette in Montgomery, Alabama. Exact date not known.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Pegues) Dismukes:

James Ward Dismukes, See Sketch
Eliza Dismukes m. Mr. DeJarnette
Sarah Dismukes m. 1st Mr. Jones; 2ndly William Pearson
Ann Dismukes unm.
George A. Dismukes unm.

Tuesday March 1, 1836, the Raleigh Register, Raleigh N.C. published the following death notice:

"In Autauga County, Alabama, on the 4th ult. Mr. George A. Dismukes, son of Col. William Dismukes of Anson County, North Carolina, in the nineteenth year of his life."

THE SIXTH GENERATION

Dr. James Ward Dismukes was born 26 Aug. 1809 at Pittsboro, Chatham Co., N.C. In 1834, he married Agnes White, born 18 Nov. 1814, daughter of .... White [Christian name not given] and Sarah (Benton) White of Anson Co., N.C. The Whites were prominent in that county from the beginning which was in 1749.

The Alumni Directory of the University of N.C., Chapel Hill, lists James Ward Dismukes as a graduate in 1829. A family sketch by one of the daughters states that he later attended school in S.C., but the name of the school was not given. Dr. Dismukes settled in Marshall Co., Miss., where he practiced medicine for a number of years. He belonged to the old school of "Doctors on Horseback", and was long remembered as a familiar figure to the citizens who respected him highly.

Later he removed to Leake Co., Miss., where he died 16 March 1858. His wife survived him by one month and six days, having died 22 April 1858. It is interesting to note that in 1857, Leake Co., Miss., Dr. Dismukes paid personal tax on 9 slaves, a valuable clock and one

Pleasure carriage.

There were five children in this family:

Elizabeth Ward Dismukes, See Sketch
Caroline "Callie" Harriet Dismukes, was b. 30 May 1836 Hartman Co., Tenn. She m. first Major William Sharkey of Leake Co., Miss., who was killed in action during the Civil War; 2ndly m. Dr. Bennie N. Ward of Noxubee County, Miss.
William Alexander Dismukes b. 13 March 1838 in Marshall Co., Miss. d. 28 Sept. 1847.
Henry Clay Dismukes b. 27 Feb. 1843, Marshall Co., Miss. In December 1862, he lost his life in the ranks of the Confederate Army at Fredericksburg, Va., and is buried at Richmond, Va.
Theodore Frulinghyson "Highly" Dismukes, b. 9 March 1845, Marshall Co., Miss.; enlisted for service in the Civil War at the age of sixteen while attending college. He served about three years and was killed at Resaca, Ga.

The birthdates given in this sketch were copied from Agnes White Dismukes' Family Bible which is in the possession of this writer, her great-granddaughter.

A Dismukes descendant prominent in medical circles in more recent years was a specialist in surgery and radium therapy, Dr. Frank Ward Smythe, (1891-1957), of Memphis, Tenn., great grandson of the subject of this sketch.

Other doctors of the name Meux or Dismukes:

Dr. Thomas Oliver Meux of New Orleans, La., the great grandson of the first Richard Meux, son of the immigrant, John. [William and Mary quarterly, Vol. 16; Va. State Library, Richmond, Va.]
Dr. R. T. Dismukes d. 29 Feb. 1845, Palermo, Rowan Co., N.C., age 29 [Raleigh Register, Raleigh, N.C.]

Dr. George W. Dismukes, Marengo Co., Ala. d. 30 Sept. 1834 [Raleigh Register, Raleigh, N.C.]
William Dismukes, Physician, b. 1795 in Ga. [1850 census of Stewart Co., Ga.]

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

Elizabeth "Bettie" Ward Dismukes, 3rd child of Dr. James Ward Dismukes and Agnes White Dismukes was b. 7 Jan. 1841 in Marshall Co., Miss. and d. 6 Nov. 1934 Cheneyville, La. She married 29 March 1859, William Anderson Manning born 29 March 1835, Monroeville, Ala., died 15 June 1903 at Cheneyville, La. He was a descendant of Lt. Lauwrence Manning of the Continental Legion commanded by "Light-Horse Harry Lee" during the War of the American Revolution.

At the outbreak of the War between the States, James Anderson Manning was living in Leake Co., Miss. The following is an excerpt from his obituary:

"He volunteered and enlisted in the Conferate Army in 1862 and nobly defended the Southern cause until the surrender in April 1865. He participated in many of the hard fought battles. During the bloody struggle he was in the hot fight and the grand charge under Longstreet at Chicamauga, when the wild cat battery was captured and Gen. Thomas driven from the field."

After the Civil War, the Mannings remained in Leake Co., Miss., where their two oldest children were born. In 1872, the family removed to Rapides Parish, La., where two other children were born.

A zeal for learning characterized the Dismukes for many generations, which probably accounts for the children of Dr. James Ward Dismukes enjoying better educational advantages than many of the young people of that period. Favorite subjects of his daughter,

Elizabeth were music and astronomy. She was interested in family history and enjoyed relating what she remembered of the family and what had been told her about the immigrant ancestor.

Five children constituted the Manning family, including a foster daughter:

Elizebeth "Bettie" Birdsong b. 1884 orphan of Dr. and Mrs. B. Birdsong, originally from Miss. She m. Joe T. Montgomery of Memphis, Tenn.
James Anderson Manning b. 1868, d. 7 June 1912, m. Mary Cushman
Tommie Caroline Manning b. 28 Jan. 1870, d. 24 May 1954 m. Philp G. Harper
Willie Ward Manning b. 19 Apr. 1872, d. 31 Jan. 1938, m. Henry Hickinburg
Charles Foster Manning b. 16 June 1878, d. 21 Aug. 1947, m. Stella Blackwell

All lived at Cheneyville, Louisiana

There were ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Two of her grandsons, George Marshall Harper and Sam Meeker Harper seved in the Army during World War I.

Elizabeth Dismukes Manning lived many years longer than her husband. Her last years were spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Philp G. Harper, where she enjoyed good health until she died at the age of ninety-three years and ten months. She was known among relatives and friends for her kind and gentle manner.

She was a member of the Baptist Church, and is buried by the side of her husband and her two daughters in the old Christian Cemetery at Cheneyville, La.

She had the honor of being a great grand-daughter and

a great-great granddaughter of Revolutionary patriots.

Her Huguenot line of ancestry has been verified for her descendants.

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MEUX COAT OF ARMS

Description of Coat of Arms: Poly of six, or and ag; on a chief, gu, three crosses-patee', or

Crest: Two wings, inverted and endorsed, arg., conjoined by a cord, with tassels, or.

Burke's Dictionary of the Peerage & Baronetag of the British Empire.

Richard, son of John Meux, immigrant to Va. had these arms on book plates and silverware, and William Dismukes, who died in 1769 had the same arms on silverware.

A Dismukes descendant of Lynchburg, Virginia has in his family a mirror, chest, gourd, and a prayer-book that belonged to William Dismukes, but owned and lost the cost-of-arms which was engraved on a silver knitting sheath.